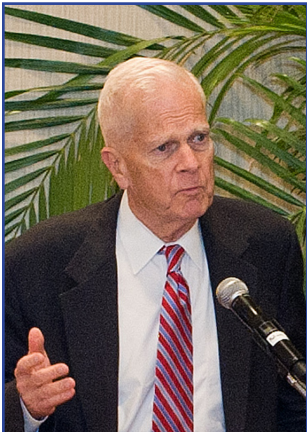




# Library of Congress Digital Preservation Newsletter

## NDIIPP Partners Meeting Stirs Interest

The digital age offers a new challenge – and a new opportunity – for cultural heritage organizations to build a national information patrimony to support knowledge and creativity. Librarian of Congress James H. Billington delivered this message to attendees at the [National Digital Information Infrastructure and Preservation Program](#) partners meeting, held July 20-22 in Arlington, Va.



Librarian of Congress James H. Billington. Credit: Barry Wheeler

“I am so pleased to see all of you here today,” said Billington. “I commend your fine work in preserving important digital information that might otherwise have been lost. Your success demonstrates that digital stewardship must be a distributed, networked effort involving the work of many.”

Now in the tenth year of supporting NDIIPP, the Library drew 220 attendees to the annual program meeting, the most to date. They heard many new ideas and techniques for institutions to consider as they assume growing responsibility for large volumes of digital content. Archivist of the United States David S. Ferriero, delivering the closing keynote, spoke about the need for change. “Institutional cultures need to be less cautious and more open to new ways to do their work,” he said. “Embracing social media is a good example of how to do both.”

Charlotte Hess, associate dean for research, collections, and scholarly communication administration at Syracuse University Library, delivered a keynote focusing on knowledge as a commons.



Archivist of the United States David S. Ferriero. Credit: Barry Wheeler

Other meeting sessions covered topics such as “Creating and Sustaining Successful Community-Based Organizations,” “Using Cloud Services as a Part of Your Preservation Strategy,” and “The Challenges of Preserving User Generated Content and Context.” Sessions on economic sustainability, computer forensics and cultural heritage and personal archiving rounded out the meeting, along with eight small group breakout sessions focusing on specific initiatives, tools and practices.



A panel discussion. Left-Right: Martin Halbert, Katherine Skinner, Jim Jagielski, Gildas Illien, William Kilbride. Credit: Barry Wheeler

A highlight of the meeting came when Laura Campbell, associate librarian for strategic initiatives, spoke about the formation of a new entity, the [National Digital Stewardship Alliance](#), which is envisioned as a broad collaboration of institutions and organizations committed to preserving and providing access to digital content with enduring value.

Read [more](#) about the meeting at [digitalpreservation.gov](#).

## Library Launches National Digital Stewardship Alliance

The Library has formed the [National Digital Stewardship Alliance](#), a partnership of institutions and organizations dedicated to preserving and providing access to selected databases, web pages, video, audio and other digital content with enduring value. The alliance is an outgrowth of NDIIPP, which the Library has administered since 2000.

NDIIPP has achieved substantial success through partnering with over 170 institutions to provide access to a diverse national collection of digital content. This work demonstrates that a collective effort can achieve far more than individual institutions working alone.

For more information, please visit <http://www.digitalpreservation.gov/ndsaa/>.



## New NDIIPP Videos

The Library of Congress has released a new video, titled "[Why Digital Preservation is Important to You](#)," that addresses the challenge of personal digital archiving.



Our personal photos, papers, music and videos record the details of our lives and help define us. But increasingly our possessions and our communications are no longer physical: they're digital and dependent on technology to make them accessible.

In a second video, "[Archiving Digital Photos](#)," Phil Michel, digital conversion coordinator at the Library's Prints & Photographs division, offers practical advice on archiving digital photos during a talk at the inaugural [Personal Archiving Day](#).

In addition to the previously released videos in the digital preservation series, the NDIIPP video collection features speakers and presentations at [digitalpreservation.gov/videos/](#).



Barrie Howard. Credit: Barry Wheeler

### Barrie Howard Joins the Library

Barrie Howard is the newest staff member of the National Digital Information Infrastructure and Preservation Program, where he will have extensive project management responsibilities. Read [more](#) about Howard at [digitalpreservation.gov](#).

### NDIIPP at Recent Events

NDIIPP staff participated in two recent events discussing digital preservation challenges and how the Library is approaching those challenges.

- Leslie Johnston spoke about how the Library of Congress is actively exploring development of open-source software for supporting digital stewardship activities during a [George Washington University presentation](#).
- Bill LeFurgy participated in a session panel, "[Beyond Wayback: Preserving Born-Digital Ephemera](#)," at the [American Association of Law Libraries annual conference](#) in Denver, CO.

## Archive-It Tuned Into Customers

The Internet Archive issued the latest release of its web archiving service application, Archive-It 3.5, on July 8, 2010. [Archive-It](#) is a subscription service that allows participating organizations to designate collections of web pages for long-term digital preservation. Via a web-based computing application, subscribers can identify, catalog, manage and access their digital collections, which users can easily browse with full-text search.

Read [more](#) about the latest release at [digitalpreservation.gov](#).

### Putting Metadata on the Map

For librarians and archivists, choosing among myriad metadata standards for digital content can be an overwhelming task. Jenn Riley, metadata librarian in the Indiana University Digital Library Program, offers her [Visualization of the Metadata Universe](#) infographic as a tool to help put the immense list of standards into a more orderly and contextualized setting.



Jenn Riley. Credit: Courtesy of Jenn Riley

Read [more](#) about Riley and the infographic at [digitalpreservation.gov](#).

### Calls for Proposals

- [2010 Digital Library Federation Fall Forum](#). Proposals due Aug. 23, 2010.
- [Archiving 2011 Call for Papers](#). Abstracts due Oct. 17, 2010.

### Upcoming Events

- [Yours, Mine, Ours: Leadership Through Collaboration](#), Sept. 20-21, 2010, Washington, DC.
- [iPres 2010](#), Sept. 23-24, 2010, Vienna, Austria. Other meetings held in conjunction: [IIPC Working Group Meetings](#), Sept. 23-24 and the [Digital Preservation Coalitions Workshop](#), Sept. 23.

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